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1. AT DEC 22 OECD COUNCIL SECRETARY GENERAL VAN LENNEP MADE LOW KEY STATEMENT ON UK MEASURES, INDICATING OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION HAD JUST BEEN RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARIAT AND SUGGESTING MATTER BE HANDLED UNDER THE REGULAR CONSULTATION PROCEDURES OF THE TRADE COMMITTEE. DRAWING ON REFTTEL, US DEL MADE STATEMENT REGRETTING UK ACTION AND NOTING THAT UNDER CURRENT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS NO TRADE RESTRICTIONS COULD BE TAKEN LIGHTLY, EVEN BY THOSE NOT DIRECTLY AFFECTED. HE EMPHASIZED US INTENTION TO SEEK DETAILED EXPLANATION OF THE UK ACTIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE TRADE COMMITTEE, AND CONTINUING INTERNATIONAL SURVEILLANCE OF THE MEASURES TO ASSURE THEY ARE REMOVED AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME.

2. SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE DELS MADE BRIEF STATEMENTS AGREEING WITH GENERAL THRUST OF US REMARKS AND SAID THEY WOULD BE AWAITING FORMAL NOTIFICATION OF UK MEASURES AND WOULD STUDY THEIR IMPACT BEFORE TAKING FORMAL POSITIONS. EC COMMISSION REP SAID HE COULD MAKE NO COMMENT BECAUSE THE QUESTION WAS STILL BEING DISCUSSED IN BRUSSELS.
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